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District 2 • #makingithappeninthe2nd

Dear Neighbors,

I hope that you all enjoyed a safe and fun summer. Over the summer, I hosted my 5th Annual McGovern Night Out, organized my first biweekly park events that consisted of Family Game Nights, Movie Nights, and Educational sessions, hosted park clean-ups, and so much more! It was an honor to see so many of you after a year of lockdown. It continues to be my honor to serve and represent the constituents of the 2nd District.

During our year of telework at the County Board, we have worked tirelessly to continue serving our constituents. This past year, I served as the 1st Vice-Chair of the Board, the Chair for the Audit Committee, member of the Finance Committee, and member of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee. I am proud to have sponsored and co-sponsored resolutions for the betterment of Milwaukee County. I look forward to representing your concerns during the 2021 budget proceedings through the lens of Racial Equity.

Remember, I'm elected by the people, I'm standing for the people, and I'm with the people. Do not hesitate to reach out to my office with any concern.

Sincerely,

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The Unveil of the Harriet Tubman Sign

This year Supervisor Taylor kicked off the year with the unveiling of the new Harriet Tubman Park sign. Joining her was County Executive David Crowley, Park Director Guy Smith, Supervisor Shawn Rolland, Mia Moore, and more youth from Urban Underground. On Fall of 2020, Supervisor Taylor authored a Resolution that renamed Wahl Park to Harriet Tubman Park in honor of the residents surrounding the Park.







Supervisor Taylor spoke on the sign unveil at Harriet Tubman Park followed by Parks Director Guy Smith and youth from Urban Underground.

Task Force will Guide Spending of American Rescue Plan Act Funds

As a part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Congress provided Milwaukee County with \$183.6 million in federal funding.

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution in July to create the ARPA Task Force, which will provide recommendations to the County Board on how to allocate these federal funds and create a public engagement process to ensure diverse community input.

U.S. Treasury Department guidance on allowable uses for the APRA funds include:

- Supporting public health expenditures
- Addressing negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency
- Replacing lost public sector revenue
- Providing premium pay for essential workers
- Investing in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure

The ARPA funding Milwaukee County received will help the county's recovery, but as a one-time infusion of cash it does not

effectively address Milwaukee County's long-term structural deficit.

In September the ARPA Task Force unanimously approved a framework for recommending ARPA funding, recommending that the County allocate 63% of ARPA dollars to revenue loss recovery, 20% to community support, 13% to COVID-19 mitigation, and 4% to fund administration.

6th District County Supervisor Shawn Rolland and former United Community Center Executive Director Ricardo Diaz serve as co-chairs of the ARPA Task Force. The Task Force plans to hold public hearings through the fall and winter to solicit ideas and recommendations for ARPA funding from the community.

Information on how to submit ideas to the ARPA Task Force can be found at **county.milwaukee.gov/arpa.taskforce**.

Records of the ARPA Task Force, including meeting agendas, minutes, and archived videos of proceedings can be found at milwaukeecounty.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx.

County Establishes Independent Body to Manage 2020 Redistricting

The U.S. Constitution requires elected officials to revise and redraw political districts in the United States every ten years. This process, known as redistricting and reapportionment, takes place at the local, state, and federal level. The process is based on the results of the decennial census, which tracks population growth or decline, as well as changes in demographic data.

The Board of Supervisors established the Milwaukee County Independent Redistricting Committee (IRC) comprised of retired judges, "to maintain the integrity of the redistricting process and to mitigate any conflicts of interest or claims of politicization."

The IRC has directed staff from the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, which is providing technical support in the form of map-making expertise, to draft maps without consideration for current maps or incumbent office holders, and to work from well-established guiding principles. Those principles, in priority order, are maintaining voting rights as defined in the 1965 Voting Rights Act, maintaining the continuity of existing city or village lines (municipal boundaries), maintaining equal population of residents across districts, and establishing compact and contiguous districts.

The Independent Redistricting Committee invites the public to attend all meetings and provide their input and feedback on the process and proposed maps. The Board of Supervisors is expected to finalize the new supervisory district map by November 23, in advance of the start of the nomination process for Spring elections, which begins on Dec. 1. For more information about how to share your input with the Committee, visit www.County.Milwaukee.gov/PublicCommentAdHoc.

2021 Milwaukee County Budget Timeline

April-September 2021

The County's annual budget process for the following year starts in April. Over the next few months, departments present their budget requests and work with the Office of Performance, Strategy & Budget, the Department of Administrative Services, and the County Executive to develop the County Executive's budget proposal, known as the Recommended Budget.

October 1, 2021

On or before October 1, the County Executive presents their Recommended Budget to the Board of Supervisors, per state law. This may or may not be in person at a Board of Supervisors meeting.

October 2021

The County Board's Finance - Budget Committee reviews the Recommended Budget.

October 4-8, 2021

The County Comptroller reviews the Recommended Budget and publishes their annual "Overview."

October 11-15, 2021

Departments brief the Finance — Budget Committee on their budget requests.

October 18-29, 2021

County Supervisors present amendments to the Finance – Budget Committee, which recommends adoption or rejection.

November 1, 2021

The Board of Supervisors holds a public hearing on the budget.

November 8, 2021

The Board of Supervisors adopts amendments to the budget and then adopts the full budget.

November 15, 2021

Possible Board of Supervisors meeting to consider County Executive vetoes (if any).

County Resources

Mortgage Assistance

Milwaukee County is offering Mortgage Assistance for those struggling to make payments due to the ongoing pandemic. Funding comes from allocations from the CARES Act. Housing resources will be accepting applications through December 18, 2020. Before applying, be sure to check the eligibility terms. You can apply via Zoom Grants at zoomgrants.com/gprop. asp?donorid=2370&limited=3053

Energy Assistance

The Milwaukee County Energy Assistance program is open for Milwaukee residents. Residents who qualify, will receive a one-time, annual payment towards their electric and heating bill. The benefit is based on household size, income, and energy costs. The payment is made directly to your energy supplier. Due to Covid-19, applications are being taken only by phone. Schedule an appointment now at **KeepWarmMKE.org** or call **(414) 270-4-MKE**!

Emergency Food Map

All over Milwaukee, there are spots handing out free meals out to the community. The Hunger Task Force created a map tool that allows you to check out what location is closest to you. www.hungertaskforce.org/what-we-do/get-help-now-covid-19

Renters Assistance

Community Advocates assists individuals and families who are facing eviction. In partnership with Milwaukee County Eviction Prevention Funds, to financially assist in rent, rent arrears, utility assistance, security deposit, and first month's rent. The Rent Assistance Pre-Application can be found and submitted on **communityadvocates.net** or requested by emailing **renthelp@communityadvocates.net**. An applicant can also request an application by calling the Rent Help Line at **414-270-4646**.

24-Crisis Hotline

If you are feeling overwhelmed or anxious due to social distancing, the Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division offers resources. If you do require of professional counselors, you can reach out to (414)-257-7222.

IMPACT 2-1-1



IMPACT 2-1-1 is a central access point for people in need.
During times of personal crisis or community disaster, the free,

confidential helpline and online resource directory make it easy for residents to get connected to information and assistance. **Simply dial 2-1-1**. If you want detailed information please go to: **www.impactinc.org/impact-2-1-1**.

ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT

Taylor-Made Foundation MKE

The Taylor-Made Foundations was established in 2009 and re-founded by 2019 by professional basketball player Mike Taylor. The



Foundation is a non-profit organization that focuses in aiding the underprivileged youth in the inner city of Milwaukee and beyond. With their various programing events, there are helping prepare future generations who currently lack resources and opportunities. I encourage everyone to attend their events to receive mindfulness tools, skills of trades, and character building through the teamwork of sports.

www.taylormadefoundation414.org



Community Assistance Resource List

Shelter Hotline: 302-6633

Men

Milwaukee Rescue Mission (Safe Harbor):

1820 W. Wells St. • 935-0200

Guest House of Milwaukee: 1216 N. 13th St. • 345-3240 **Salvation Army Emergency Lodge:** 1730 N. 7th St. • 265-6360 **Salvation Army Respite Care:** 1730 N. 7th St. • 265-6360

Hope House: 209 W. Orchard St. • 645-2122

Women

Cathedral Center, Inc.:

845 N. Van Buren St. • 831-0394 (x2153 or x2114)

Salvation Army Emergency Lodge: 1730 N. 7th St. • 265-6360 **Salvation Army Respite Care:** 1730 N. 7th St. • 265-6360

Hope House: 209 W. Orchard St. • 645-2122 **Casa Maria:** 1131 N. 21st St. • 344-5745

Families

Community Information Line: 211

A-Call: 302-6633

Providing Aid in Mississippi and Texas

Supervisor Taylor collaborated with community leaders in Milwaukee to collect items that assisted people down in Texas and Mississippi following severed snowstorms. Organizers from Milwaukee were able to bring down hygiene items, food, water, and so much more. The travel to provide aide was successful with the collaboration of local leaders from the communities receiving items.







Supervisor Taylor was able to connect with Mayor Nichole Harriet from Tutwiler, Mississippi to brina aid to the city.

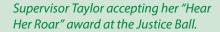
Dontre Hamilton Bench Resolution

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors adopted a Resolution by Supervisor Taylor that supports the recommendations of the Dontre Hamilton Memorial Planning Task Force and approves the installation of a memorial bench and plaque honoring the life of Dontre Hamilton and the importance of mental health care at Red Arrow Park. Dontre Hamilton was killed by a Milwaukee police officer on April 30, 2014, when that officer confronted Dontre, who had been sleeping in Red Arrow Park, and provoked an altercation that led to the officer unjustifiably shooting and killing Dontre.

The Dontre Hamilton Memorial bench will provide a space of healing for families who have lost loved ones to violence committed by those sworn to protect and serve and bring awareness to mental health issues in our community. Hamilton was one of 1.5 million Americans and 20 million people worldwide diagnosed with Schizophrenia.

Supervisor Taylor is recognized at the 2021 Justice Ball

All of Us or None hosted their 1st Annual Justice Ball on June 20th. The event aimed to recognize individuals in Milwaukee who are helping build bridges for individuals who are formerly and currently incarcerated. Supervisor Taylor was recognized with the featured "Hear Her Roar" award for her work in the County focusing on reentry.





Celebrating Black History Month



The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hosted their first virtual celebration in honor of Black History Month. DreamTeam MKE was recognized with a Citation from the County Black Caucus to honor their endless work to bring food and necessary items to countless families during the Covid-19 Pandemic. All Supervisors rocked a Teams original background that highlighted Back History month.

The Black Caucus at the Board take the lead in the Black History Month Presentation during the February meeting of the Milwaukee County Board.



INDIVIDUAL SPOTLIGHT LaTonya Baker

LaTonya Baker is an entrepreneur and CEO from Milwaukee who works endlessly to provide ample resources to our

community. Through her business, Generation of Excellence Trendsetters, she can offer support groups, job readiness skills training, youth programming, prenatal and childcare coordination, and entrepreneurship support. Ms. Baker is the owner of Tyresia's Boutique Too, that offers unique and fun clothing and providing the newest and latest trends!

Supervisor Taylor in the Community

Supervisor Taylor Recognizes Women in Women's History Month

Supervisor Taylor organized a presentation in honor of Women's History Month. Many women around the country were recognized for their leadership in women empowerment and women leadership. The Board was able to surprise Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson for her outstanding role as Chairwoman of the Board during the Covid-19 crisis with a Recognition Citation.



Supervisor Taylor is joined by most of the female Supervisors at the Board in the Women's History Month presentation.

Summer Park Events

Supervisor Taylor hosted her first biweekly summer park events to engage the community in different areas of District 2. She was able to bring constituents from all backgrounds to our County Parks to create long lasting memories.



Her summer events consisted of Family Game Nights, Movie Nights, and Educational Sessions. The events followed a rotation between Harriet Tubman Park, Brown Deer Park, and McGovern Park. Supervisor Taylor looks forward to continuing hosting these events every summer. Thank you to everyone who took the time to join us at our Parks.



Supervisor Taylor connects with various constituents after of year of virtual work.





Park Clean-Ups



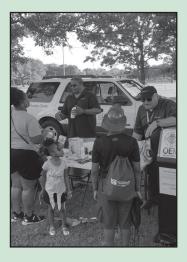
Supervisor Taylor hosted her yearly summer park cleanup's around District 2. Our County Parks are an integral part of our community and through collaboration they can be kept clean

for everyone to enjoy. Supervisor Taylor enjoys playing her part in keeping the environment green.

McGovern Night Out

On June 8th, Supervisor Taylor hosted her 5th Annual McGovern Night Out and welcomed many families, constituents, community organizations, County resources, and many more. Senator Lena Taylor and Representative Dora Drake were two elected officers who joined the event to show their support for this family fun event. Thank you to everyone who joined us.









Clockwise from top left: DHHS Director, Shakita LaGrant was able to join the celebration; the Office of Emergency Management was our most stopped at resource table; all Department representatives and elected officers present were thanked for their participation; and the Fire Engine Company 8 stopped while in service to speak to the youth.



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county.milwaukee.gov/CLIC

Thank You!

Many thanks to everyone who called and wrote to my office this year. It is my honor to serve you and represent your voice through my term.

☐ Bikes on Buses Brochure

 Supervisor Taylor to speak or meet with your organization

Your Opinion Counts! Detach this and mail (or send an e-mail) to:

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☐ 2nd District E-newsletter (emailed)

☐ Milwaukee Public Museum Brochure

☐ Milwaukee County Map

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What does moving Milwaukee forward look like to you?	
Please check the items that you would like to request:	

☐ Prescription Discount Program Brochure

☐ Milwaukee County Transit Routes Guide

☐ Milwaukee County Zoo Brochure